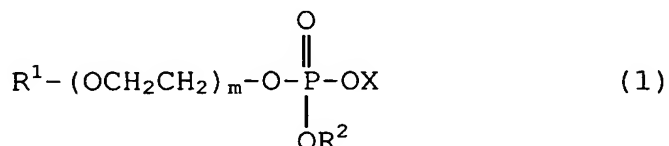


ABSTRACT

Detergent compositions each of which comprises (A) at least one phosphate ester or a salt thereof represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a C_8 - C_{18} hydrocarbon group, m stands for a number of from 0 to 10 on weight average, X represents H , an alkali metal atom, ammonium, a basic amino acid residual group, or an alkanolamino group having a hydroxy(C_2 - C_3 alkyl) group, and R^2 represents $-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_m - \text{R}^1$ or X , or a mixture thereof, and (B) at least one glyceryl ether having a C_4 - C_{12} alkyl or alkenyl group.

These detergent compositions are low in skin irritation and are good in foaming performance.